

THE PARISH OF BELTINGHAM WITH HENSHAW

Parish Newsletter November 2018

Our Curate's Tri Challenge Success

I am delighted to report that I have completed my tri challenge. It involved cycling and walking 230 miles around the routes of the Haydon Hundred, Mont Blanc Trail and St Oswald's Way; combined with training for these awesome journeys I have cycled and walked altogether over 600 miles in 12 months – and raised well over £1,000 for our churches from generous sponsorship.



St Oswald's Way felt like a homecoming. It took me through landscape that had inspired me as a child and where I came to faith. I walked it as a pilgrimage and was joined by three other curates. As we set off I was reminded of **Northumberland**, the poem by the Hexham-born WW1 poet Wilfrid Wilson Gibson in which he wrote:

Land of singing waters, And words from off the sea

God bring me to Northumberland, The land where I would be.

For pilgrimage to be real it has to be a moving experience in more than simply a physical sense of covering miles. St Cuthbert said after his vision of angels: 'O what wretches we are. We are so dull and full of sleep that we miss the glory of god that is all about us. If only we could open our eyes.' Pilgrimage is about opening our eyes, and hearts to the sounds and sights of God around us. It involves seeing the world as God's world and the people in it – including ourselves – as people loved by God. It is about discovering sacred places that open our eyes to God's presence everywhere. On St Oswald's Way I taught my fellow pilgrims the alpine walk. It helps with steep climbs in the Alps and involves a radical slowing of pace. They felt it helped with the gradients along St Oswald's Way. However there is also something prayerful about the alpine walk. Prayer is about slowing our pace, being settled and still and through this receiving a new perspective. The alpine walk is a way in which we can walk with the Lord. You cannot do the alpine walk through the Northumbrian landscape without understanding why in Celtic Christianity it was seen as a thin place – a place of encounter with God – why Alcuin described Holy Island as the holiest place in Holy England.

	SERVICES	
NOVEMBER	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW	HAYDON BRIDGE
4 November All Saints/All Souls	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church 3.30 pm All Souls Day* Service	11.00 am Parish Eucharist 5 pm All Souls Day* Service
10 November	11.00 am Henshaw – Messy Church	
11 November Remembrance	10 am Henshaw – Remembrance Service	10.15 am Remembrance Service
18 November 2nd before Advent	9.30 am Beltingham – Parish Eucharist	11.00 am Parish Eucharist
3 pm God’s Tent – pitching at St Peter’s Newbrough		
25 November Christ the King	8.30 am BCP Communion – Haydon Bridge 10 am Celebration Service – All Hallows’ Henshaw	
1 December	3 pm – Advent Carol Service at Haydon Old Church	
2 December Advent Sunday	9.30 am Henshaw – Parish Eucharist + Storybook Church	11.00 am Parish Eucharist

***All Souls Services**

These are services to remember those who have died. If you would like a loved one to be specifically mentioned, please either add their name to a list in church or inform the Vicar or the churchwardens.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

On 30 September at All Hallows’ Church, Henshaw, Freddie Gravett.

On 7 October at St Cuthbert’s Church, Beltingham, Amelia Rose Burns.

Funeral

Matthew Parker, a service on 26 October at All Hallows’ Church, Henshaw, followed by interment at Haltwhistle cemetery.

The Vicar's Letter

There is, in cricket, something known as the 'nervous nineties'. This is the point in a batsman's innings where, getting close to an elusive century, they are more likely to get out, more likely to chase a wide ball and be caught, more likely to try for a risky run and be run out. Logically speaking there is no explanation for this. After all, except in a very few cases, the difference to a team's chances are not changed dramatically if one batsman scores 97 or 103, but getting to the milestone of the century matters.

In a more sombre and significant way we are experiencing this, this year, as we mark a century since the armistice. The rational person might say why does this matter more than the 99th or the 101st anniversary. In a sense they are right, every year, every day, we should remember with gratitude those who sacrificed their lives for us in time of war. But even then the fact that this is the 100th anniversary matters.

Perhaps to think about why it matters we might think about what we mean by time. In the New Testament time is described in two ways. The first is *kronos* time. This is the regular, logical ticking of time. This is the type of 'time' which sees no difference between 99 and 100. But then there is *kairos* time. *Kairos* time describes those 'times' that matter, those moments that changed and shape a life or a community, *Kairos* time is the time in which God works.

Ironically it is only as we get further from these *kairos* moments that we recognise them to be those significant moments, those defining 'times' in our lives and in our worlds. And so as we move further from the Armistice, and now almost completely out of living memory of it, its significance not as a point in *kronos* time, but as a point in *kairos* time comes into focus. Because at that moment, which we will mark quietly and solemnly on Sunday 11 November, at 11am, we will remember that moment when the guns fell silent, and a world turned away from war and destruction and towards peace and reconciliation. And although we have fallen again and again away from that high goal of peace, we see in that moment God's plan in that *kairos* moment, where we say 'yes' again to peace.

Your Vicar, Benjamin

CHURCH NEWS

Remembrance Day Service – 11 November

We will be following our usual pattern of a Remembrance Day Service in All Hallows' Church at **10 am on Sunday 11 November**, after which we will make our way to the War Memorial in time for the service there, **starting just before 11 am**. Please join us for either or both of these commemorations in this important 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War, when we will have in our thoughts our local citizens who gave their lives. Both the church and the area surrounding the War Memorial will bear the symbol of the First World War, the red poppy.

Remembering our Departed

On **Sunday 4 November** at 3.30 pm we will be holding our All Souls Service at All Hallows' Church in Henshaw. This is a time when the congregation remembers those who have died. People are invited to hand in the names of any of their departed relatives and friends that they would like mentioned. Those attending will have the chance to light a candle for those they still miss. Please contact one of the churchwardens (Anne Galbraith on 344702 or Adrian Storrie on 344494) if you wish to add a name to be remembered.

Fundraising Lunch

There will be a **Church Fundraising Lunch at 12.30 pm on Sunday 11 November at The Old Vicarage, Beltingham** and **tickets will cost £15**. Telephone Anne Galbraith on 344702 if you would like to come. As usual, there will be a topical quiz. This will also be an opportunity to celebrate Benjamin's four years of ministry with us. He was installed as our Vicar in October 2014.

"Reflections on my Adventure"

Gill Alexander, our Curate, writes: "I am very grateful to you all for your support and encouragement and will be sharing some photos and reflections on my adventure on **Saturday 17 November at 4:00 pm** in the Church Room at All Hallows Henshaw. I'd be delighted to see you." Refreshments.

Mothers' Union

On **28 November** the Rev Dr Benjamin Carter 'An Advent Journey' at the Methodist Chapel in Haydon Bridge.

On **3 December** – Deanery Advent Service at Haltwhistle.

Next pitching – 3 pm St Peter’s Newbrough on 18 November. You can follow news of the God’s Tent on our web site www.parishesbywall.org.uk where there is a link to both Facebook and Twitter showing photos of recent pitchings.



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ROTAS

November	Church	Warden	Sidesmen	Flowers
4 November	Henshaw	C Adams	P Collingwood/ D Storrie/ D Palmer	L Scott/ M Wilkinson
11 November	Henshaw	A Storrie	S Walker/ D McKenna	“
18 November	Beltingham	A Galbraith	J Galbraith/ H Rowlands	C Thompson/ D Furlong
25 November	Henshaw	C Adams	P Collingwood/ L Scott	“
2 December	Henshaw	A Storrie	D Palmer/ Y Hewitt	A Galbraith/ J Jackson

Churchyard Clear Ups

We will be tidying the old churchyard at Beltingham on **Tuesday**

6 November from 10-12 noon and at All Hallows’ Henshaw on **Monday**

12 November also from 10-12 noon. Please bring rakes, grabbers and bags. A further date will be fixed for the new cemetery at Beltingham once all the leaves are down. Reviving refreshments will be available.

VILLAGE NEWS

Cafe Scientifique - Tuesday 6 November - 7-9 pm BM Village Hall

Our final event of the year is entitled Tales of the Ecosystem with Malcolm Green on Tuesday 6th November, 7-9pm. His talk will explore how storytelling helps us make sense of our environment and experiences and helps us understand and engage with nature. This will be told through scientific narrative, folklore and story. **Tickets are £5 as usual including tea/coffee and cake.** Tickets can be purchased now by copying and pasting this link www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/546687. As previously, a few tickets will be available at the village shop for those who don't have internet access.

Haltwhistle Gardening Club

Monday 12 November at 7.30 pm at the Comrades Club – John Richards ‘A Plantsman’s Garden in Hexham’ – all welcome.
Pay at the door.

South Tyne Wildlife Group

Tuesday 13 November at 7.30 pm at the Comrades Club – Janet Fairclough ‘Working for Wildlife and Farmers in the North Pennines. £3 entry – all welcome.

Women’s Institute

Wednesday 14 November at 7 pm in the Village Hall – Judith Taylor ‘Walking the Northumberland Coast Path’. Hostesses: Libby Scott and Barbara Cawley. Competition: ‘Beside the Sea’; Stall: Gift Bag Bring & Buy. Visitors so please bring a plate of supper.

South Tyne Cinema Circuit at the General Havelock

Film & Food Night from 7 pm on Tuesday 27 November, ‘Get Out’ (£8.50 for film and meal). Call Joanna on 684376 for more information about the film.

Christmas Appeal

West End Refugees are collecting toiletries etc for their destitute clients. They help 120 men and would be very grateful for the following to put in their Christmas bags: socks, chocolates, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. They also have 10 female destitute clients, so for them shower gel, shampoo, deodorant and chocolates would be gratefully received. They need to be at WERS by the end of November

(St Philip's Vicarage, St Philip's Close, Arthur's Hill, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5JE.) Check opening times on 0191 2737482 or get to Libby Scott (344582) preferably by Saturday 24 November.

Henshaw Herald – School News

We have had an amazing start to our new academic term and as usual, it has been very busy! Our highlights have been:

- Meet and greet sessions with parents
- Celebration assemblies with Reverend Carter
- Welcoming the Bishops and the Archbishop of York!
- Meeting Prince Charles at The Sill
- Key Stage 2 swimming sessions
- Meeting Hallie!
- Training with NUFC
- Raising money for Macmillan
- Roman V Celts Banquet
- Becoming a Beacon School for the community with Team GB
- Stay and Share sessions with parents and grandparents
- Federation Harvest festival at All Hallows
- Tag rugby tournament
- Reception and Pre-School Soup and Crumble afternoon
- Non uniform day
- Netball, Cookery and rugby after school club
- Our new Year 5/6 Girls football team at Haydon Bridge

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